



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN REPAIR IN RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD

December 19, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Following is an update on City operations related to the 54-inch sewer main repair, located on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way in the Rio Vista neighborhood.

Repair Activities

- Repair work continued through the overnight hours on the damaged section of the 54-inch sewer main.
- Crews completed excavation work around the pipe and exposed the damaged area.
- Two cuts were completed on each side of the damaged portion of pipe and it was removed from the ground.
- A new section of pipe is being prepared for installation.
- Activities today will focus on installing the new section of pipe and securing it to the existing pipe.
- As part of the repair process, any of the existing 54-inch pipe that is exposed will be reinforced with concrete.

Site Operations

- Neighbors are reminded that the area on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way remains an active construction zone. For the safety of everyone, access to the construction area is limited to appropriate operational and management personnel.
- Equipment continues to be removed from the site as part of cleanup activities.
- Stormwater staff was on site last night monitoring the storm drain system and reported no flooding.
- Stormwater staff will be on site today inspecting tidal valves and performing cleaning and maintenance activities on catch basins in the affected area.

Cleanup and Remediation

- Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) will continue to conduct cleaning, disinfection, and pressure washing of roads, sidewalks, swale areas, and driveways in the affected area.
- Aeration operations will continue in the Tarpon River and New River to help improve water quality.
- Boats will continue to patrol the canal system in and around Rio Vista during daylight hours, from about 8 a.m. until dark, conducting skimming and debris removal on the waterways.
- Neighbors who have incurred expenses or suffered damage related to the sewage overflow can make a claim by calling the City's Risk Management Division at 954-828-5177.

Garbage and Yard Waste Collection for Friday, December 20

- Garbage and yard waste collection will take place tomorrow, Friday, December 20, for properties in the affected area on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way.
- Neighbors are asked to assist by placing their black garbage carts and green yard waste carts where they are easily visible, as close to the roadway as possible, but without blocking traffic on Ponce de Leon Drive. Carts must be placed out by 7:00 a.m.

-City staff will assist in cart collections on the north side of Ponce de Leon Drive by bringing the carts for servicing to the south side of the road and then returning them to their original location.

-Neighbors in the affected area with questions about garbage or yard waste collection may call the City's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

Road Closure

-Ponce de Leon Drive remains closed between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way while the repair work progresses.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities

-A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.

-The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Water-related activities including swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, and canoeing should be avoided within these boundaries.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

Links:

-To view updates on the City's website, please visit <http://bit.ly/2rBJhLk>.

-To view photos of the operation, please visit <http://bit.ly/2tr4059>.

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